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FROM USDEL

FOR YOUNG, MOOSE AND MCHENRY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PORG, SF, NI, UN  
SUBJECT: LAGOS CONFERENCE: MEETING WITH GARBA AND HARRIMAN ON  
CONFERENCE PROCEDURE

1. AMBASSADORS EASUM AND MURRAY MET WITH NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER  
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA AND UN PERMREP HARRIMAN PRIOR TO  
OPENING OF FINAL ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE SESSION AFTERNOON  
AUGUST 26. EASUM MADE PRESENTATION ON RESERVATION REGISTRATION  
PROCEDURE AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED BY AMBASSADORS MCHENRY AND YOUNG  
IN MEETING WITH FRG AND UK COUNTERPARTS. EASUM OUTLINED US AND  
UK REASONS FOR WISHING EXPRESS RESERVATIONS ON CONFERENCE DECLARATION  
BY LETTER AND NOT IN A SPEECH. HE OBSERVED THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG  
AND DR. OWEN HAD EXPLAINED US/UK VIEWS ON THIS MATTER  
EARLIER IN DAY TO OBASANJO. EASUM EXPLAINED THAT US AND UK WISHED  
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TO AVOID PUBLIC DISPUTE AT CONFERENCE, HOPING FOR STRONG AGREED  
CONFERENCE RESULT ON EVE OF YOUNG/OWEN MISSION TO SOUTHERN  
AFRICA. CONTROVERSY OVER DECLARATION LANGUAGE WOULD WEAKEN  
EFFECT OF DECLARATION. EASUM AND MURRAY SAID THEIR DELEGATIONS  
COULD SUPPORT MOST OF THE DECLARATION BUT HAD PROBLEMS WITH A  
FEW PARAGRAPHS. WE DID NOT WANT CONFERENCE'S LAST SESSION TO  
BECOME A SHOUTING MATCH BETWEEN NATIONS WITH DIFFERENT VIEWS.

EASUM POINTED OUT THAT WE WOULD GIVE OUR STATEMENT TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF RESERVATIONS TO PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE, WHATEVER THE FORM OF RESERVATIONS WE MADE.

2. GARBA RESPONDED THAT NIGERIA COULD NOT OVERRULE DECISION MADE BY STEERING COMMITTEE THURSDAY. IT PROVIDED THAT RESERVATIONS BE RECORDED ONLY IF DELIVERED ORALLY. HE AND HARRIMAN FELT THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAKING STATEMENT ORALLY AND GIVING LETTER TO PRESS AFTER WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO CONFERENCE. RESERVATIONS OF WEST WOULD BECOME PUBLIC IN EITHER EVENT. IN ANY CASE WE COULD BE ASSURED THAT CHAIRMAN WOULD BE STRICT DISCIPLINARIAN -- NO REBUTTALS, NO ARGUMENTS, NO COUNTERATTACKS.

3. THERE WERE IN FACT NO SUCH FIREWORKS. FRENCH STATEMENT PRODUCED CRIES OF "SHAME" FROM SOME NGO'S, UK STATEMENT BROUGHT SCATTERED WHISTLES AS DID US ON MENTION OF SPECIFIC NUMBERED ARTICLES WHERE WE HAD PROBLEMS (NUCLEAR COOPERATION, CHAPTER VII ARMS EMBARGO, AND ECONOMIC MEASURES UNIVERSALLY APPLIED). BUT US STATEMENT ALSO PRODUCED SOLID APPLAUSE WITH MENTION OF \$250,000 FOR NAMIBIA INSTITUTE.  
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